(c) the follow up action taken by Government against the official involved.

(d) whether it is also a fact that the officer involved in Shonkh Technologies case has been appointed to the top position in UTI Securities Exchange Ltd.;

(e) whether it is permissible for officers named in vigilance enquiries to be appointed on sensitive positions; and

(f) if so, under what rule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Administrator, SUUTI, has informed that in the vigilance enquiry it is observed that the investment decision was taken arbitrarily without due diligence.

(c) Administrator of Specified Undertaking of Unit Trust of India has taken the following action:

(i) ordered Departmental proceedings against the officials involved;

(ii) copy of vigilance report has been forwarded to SEBI for necessary action on price manipulation and reverse merger of the company in a non transparent manner;

(iii) an FIR has been lodged with CBI; and

(iv) six stock brokers have been removed from the panel of brokers of UTI Mutual Fund.

(d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Agencies investigating fraud committed by MD,TFL

1444. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether various investigating agencies are probing the financial irregularities/fraud committed by former Managing Director of Tata Finance Limited (TFL);

(b) if so, what are the names of the agencies investigating the financial irregularities/fraud; and

(c) what is the present status of the cases and under which sections of IPCs they are being prosecuted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Kisan Credit Cards

1445. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Kisan Credit Cards issued to the farmers in Assam till June, 2003;

(b) the district-wise details of Kisan Credit Cards to be issued to the farmers during 2003-04; and

(c) the details of target set by Government in this respect and what steps are being taken by Government in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) The total number of Kisan Credit Cards (KCCs) issued in the State of Assam since inception of the scheme till June, 2003, is 61793.

(b) and (c) The district-wise number of KCCs to be issued to the farmers in Assam during 2003-04 are given in the enclosed statement. (*see* below). Government has directed that all the eligible farmers should be covered under the KCC Scheme by 31st March, 2004. In order to achieve this objective, Reserve Bank of India (RBI)/National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) have advised Commercial, Regional Rural Banks and Cooperative Banks to set branch-wise targets for issuing KCCs and to monitor the progress periodically. Government, RBI and NABARD are also monitoring the implementation of the Scheme as per an Action Plan prepared to cover all eligible farmers by 31.3.2004.